

IN THE CLAIMS

1-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A cutting plate comprising:

a ~~cutting plate~~ an upper side;

a first clamping trough for clamping in a cutting tool;

a cutting edge for metal-removing processing;

a second clamping trough arranged coaxially with respect to the first clamping trough,

wherein said first clamping trough is arranged so that it is deeper than the second clamping trough and both said first clamping trough and said second clamping trough are arranged so that they are deeper than said cutting-plate upper side, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough forms a surface that is parallel to the cutting plate upper side.

12. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein the trough shape of at least one of said first or second clamping troughs is round, oval, angular, polygonal or star-shaped.

13. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein a trough shape of said first clamping trough forms a surface that is parallel to said cutting-plate upper side or is formed so that it is trough-shaped.

14. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 12, wherein a trough shape of said first clamping trough forms a surface that is parallel to said cutting-plate upper side or is formed so that it is trough-shaped.

15. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 13, wherein an elevation is arranged in the first clamping trough.

16. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 14, wherein an

elevation is arranged in the first clamping trough.

17. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is round ~~forms a surface that is parallel to the cutting plate upper side or is an elevation.~~

18. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 11, 17, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is oval ~~forms a surface that is parallel to the cutting plate upper side or is an elevation.~~

19. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim ~~13, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough forms a surface that is parallel to the cutting plate upper side or is an elevation~~ 11, wherein an elevation is arranged in the center of the first clamping trough.

20. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 14, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is round ~~forms a surface that is parallel to the cutting plate upper side or is an elevation.~~

21. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is round ~~forms a surface that is parallel to the cutting plate upper side or is an elevation.~~

22. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 16, wherein a trough shape of the second clamping trough is round ~~forms a surface that is parallel to the cutting plate upper side or is an elevation.~~

23. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 12, having an 17, ~~wherein the elevation in the center of the first clamping trough that is annular.~~

24. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 13, having an elevation

in the center of the first clamping trough that ~~18~~, wherein the elevation is annular.

25. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 16, ~~19~~, wherein the elevation is annular.

26. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 15, ~~20~~, wherein the elevation is annular.

27. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 22, having an elevation in the center of the first clamping trough that ~~21~~, wherein the elevation is annular.

28. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 14, having an elevation in the center of the first clamping trough that ~~22~~, wherein the elevation is annular.

29. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

30. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 12, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

31. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 13, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

32. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 14, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

33. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

34. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 16, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

35. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 17, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

36. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 18, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

37. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 19, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

38. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 20, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

39. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 21, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

40. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 22, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

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42. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 24, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

43. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 25, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

44. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 26, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

45. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 27, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

46. (currently amended) A cutting plate according to claim 28, wherein said cutting plate comprises ~~is~~ a ceramic material.

47. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein said cutting

plate is an indexable cutting plate.

48. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 12, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

49. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 13, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

50. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 14, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

51. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

52. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 16, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

53. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 17, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

54. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 18, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

55. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 19, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

56. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 20, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

57. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 21, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

58. (previously presented)A cutting plate according to claim 22, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

59. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 23, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

60. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 24, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

61. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 25, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

62. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 26, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

63. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 27, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

64. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 28, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

65. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 29, wherein said cutting plate is an indexable cutting plate.

66. (previously presented) A cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein said first and said second clamping troughs have been introduced during production by a pressing process.

67. (currently amended) A cutting tool comprising a cutting plate according to claim 11 and a clamp to hold said cutting plate.

68. (new) A cutting plate comprising:

an upper side;

a cutting edge;

a first clamping trough in said upper side;

an elevation in said first clamping trough;

a second clamping trough arranged coaxially with respect to the first clamping trough;
wherein said first clamping trough is arranged deeper than the second clamping trough,
and both said first and said second clamping troughs are arranged below the upper side.

69. (new) The cutting plate of claim 68, wherein said elevation is arranged in the center of the first clamping trough.

70. (new) The cutting plate of claim 68 comprising a ceramic material.

71. (new) The cutting plate of claim 69 comprising a ceramic material.